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Introduction

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BestPractices Steam, which began in 1997 as the *Steam Challenge*, is one component of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Management *BestPractices* industrial technology assistance effort. *BestPractices* spearheads the implementation approach for the Industries of the Future (IOF) program. The activities of *BestPractices* are broad based, covering all aspects of the IOF program and include energy assessments, sponsorship of emerging technologies, and energy management. *BestPractices* activities assist the nine IOF industries to identify and realize their best energy efficiency and pollution prevention options from a systems and life-cycle cost perspective. In the interest of documenting and communicating best-in-class applications of industrial energy technologies, this volume is made freely available to the industrial community. It is hoped that it will influence plant management for the betterment of U.S. industrial energy consumption, productivity, competitiveness, and shareholder value.

Steam Digest 2001 chronicles our contributions to the industrial trade press over the past year. As in last year's *Steam Digest*, we present articles that cover technical, financial, and managerial aspects of steam optimization. A number of these articles detail plant- or company-specific success stories. Other articles describe technical opportunities and how to measure their impact on plant performance.

Through 2001, *BestPractices Steam* continued to make progress in developing tools to assist steam users in achieving system improvements. In one sense, our progress can be measured in the number and quality of resources produced. Instruments such as the spreadsheet-based *Steam Scoping Tool* and the *3E Plus* insulation evaluation software have become popular with plant managers as diagnostic tools. A series of Steam Tip Sheets—now numbering 16—are useful one-page references that identify distinct energy saving opportunities and demonstrate the calculation of related financial impacts. Case studies are an in-depth

demonstration of site-specific experiences with steam optimization programs. The ongoing conduct of workshops and trade show participation makes the *BestPractices* name visible on a regional basis.

Additionally, the Steam Clearinghouse provides basic reference, assistance, and referral to callers who use the toll-free number. Steam users, consultants, vendors, and utilities all use the Clearinghouse at no cost to obtain the resources described here. The *Steaming Ahead* newsletter and companion website (www.steamingahead.org) provide the steam community with regular updates on program progress. The public may also download software and references from that website. There are more tools to come in the future: results of the Steam Market Assessment, development of detailed Steam Technical Fact Sheets, and enhancements to our Steam Workshops.

While the product and service offerings of *BestPractices Steam* are many and varied, the current challenge is to get this information in the right hands. Energy efficiency is not an end in itself, but a means toward the very goals sought daily by plant managers and their corporate leaders. Both technical and business leaders need access to *BestPractices Steam* in order for our information to be thoroughly effective. This is our leading mandate for 2002, and beyond.

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